

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-27 (cancelled)

28. (New)

1 A child-resistant package that includes:
2 a container having a finish with a first engagement element, and a closure
3 on said finish having a skirt with a second engagement element engagable with said first
4 engagement element in a child-resistant mode of operation,
5 said closure, including a portion of said skirt on which said second
6 engagement element is disposed, including a shell of one-piece integrally molded plastic
7 construction that is selectively removable from said container, and
8 wherein said portion of said skirt on which said second engagement element
9 is disposed is selectively permanently removable from said closure shell, with said closure
10 removed from said container, to remove said second engagement element from said
11 closure and thereby permanently convert said closure for non-child-resistant mounting on
12 said container.

29. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 28 wherein said closure shell has a base wall
2 and said finish has an open end,
3 wherein said first engagement element on said finish is spaced from said
4 open end and said second engagement element on said closure skirt is spaced from said
5 base wall, and

6 wherein said finish includes a third engagement element between said first
7 engagement element and said open end, and said closure includes a fourth engagement
8 element between said second engagement element and said base wall for engaging said
9 third engagement element in said non-child-resistant mode of operation with said skirt
10 portion removed from said closure shell.

30. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 29 wherein said first and second engagement
2 elements comprise lugs on said finish and said closure skirt portion respectively.

31. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 30 wherein said third and fourth engagement
2 elements comprise threads on said finish and said closure skirt respectively.

32. (New)

1 The package set forth in claim 28 wherein said portion of said skirt is frangibly
2 connected to the remainder of said closure shell.

33. (New)

1 A method of converting a child-resistant package to a non-child-resistant
2 mode of operation, which includes the steps of:

3 (a) providing a child-resistant package that includes a container having
4 a finish with a first engagement element, and a closure on said finish, said closure
5 including a shell of one-piece integrally molded plastic construction having a skirt with a
6 second engagement element engagable with said first engagement element in a child-
7 resistant mode of operation,

8 (b) removing said closure in its entirety from said container finish, and

9 (c) permanently removing from said closure a portion of said skirt on
10 which said second engagement element is disposed, with said closure removed from said
11 container, to remove said second engagement element from said closure and thereby
12 permanently convert said closure for non-child-resistant mounting on said container.

34. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 33 wherein said step (a) is such that said
2 closure shell has a base wall, a first skirt portion adjacent to said base wall and a second
3 skirt portion remote from said base wall on which said second engagement element is
4 disposed, said second skirt portion being frangibly coupled to said first skirt portion such
5 that said second skirt portion is permanently frangibly removable from said first skirt portion
6 in said step ©).

35. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 33 wherein said step (a) is such that said
2 closure shell has a base wall and said finish has an open end, said first engagement
3 element on said finish is spaced from said open end and said second engagement element
4 on said closure skirt is spaced from said base wall, and said finish includes a third
5 engagement element between said first engagement element and said open end, and said
6 closure includes a fourth engagement element between said second engagement element
7 and said base wall for engaging said third engagement element in said non-child-resistant
8 mode of operation with said skirt portion removed from said closure shell.

36. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 35 wherein said step (a) is such that said first
2 and second engagement elements comprised lugs on said finish and said closure skirt
3 portion respectively.

37. (New)

1 The method set forth in claim 36 wherein said step (a) is such that said third
2 and fourth engagement elements comprised threads on said finish and said closure skirt
3 respectively.